GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR THE VETERANS.

Betrayed by a G. A. R. Button-The Emblem Fastened Guilt Upon the Dispoiler of a Chicken Coop-An Amasing Episode

The Faithful Couple. You are still a youth to me, John, You are still my bonny beau; The same as when we plighted troth Full fifty years ago. The same as when our wedding bells Rang out so glad and gay." And here the good wife breathed a sigh, And shook her locks of gray.

"It seems strange to me, John, Who married you for aye, Who bold the ring you gave me as The apple of my eye, To see the youngsters ne'er content To give their hearts and hands, As we did in the good old times, Without the scrip and lands!

"I didn't bring you much, John, And you had little more; But we had health in place of wealth, And plentecus love in store. And through the joy and strife, dear, We each one did our part; And now we've one another still, As we had at the start.

"The times have sadly changed, John, Since you and I were young: The marriage tie is lightly held, And many a heart is wrung. And yet you're young to me, John, And still my bonny beau;

The same as when we plighted troth Full fifty years ago." -Mrs Kidder in New York Ledger.

Betrayed by a Button.

This story is true. The names of the distinguished personages involved are not their real names, as it would cause them more or less inconvenience to be too specific. The time, says the New York Sun, was last week, and the scene was laid principally in a police station on the west side of the city. Somebody told the story last night, and

Brown-which is not a specific name is patriotic, and he always wears a story about President Lincoin: Grand Army button in the lapel of his

lost m' button-Grand Army button, don't always get, he walked away.

"That so?" asked the sergeant. "It's retary would be in he again walked up a shame. Where'd you lose it?"

and draw bref." "Guess that sweetheart of yours with the crinkly face 'borrowed' it. didn't she?" said the sergeant.

"No, she ain't got it. She's shook ne. Say, Sarge, Ah wish you'd ask hall." your men to look for dat button. It must sherely be hereabouts." The sergeant promised to send out

a general alarm for the missing button, and Brown stalked around the room looking in the corners for his search he left the station house. Ten minutes later a man came in

and told the sergeant that his hen doorkeeper. roost down by the river had been robbed of two chickens the night before. The sergeant sent out a detective to investigate the matter. The detective came back in an hour.

"Got any clew of 'em?" asked the "Well, yes," replied the detective,

"but it don't amount to much-only a Grand Army button-might have been there for some time, you see." "This is curious," said the sergeant

to himself. Then he asked the detecive for the button, and he called in the captain. The three then held a conversation in a low tone, every once in awhile breaking out into laughter. Then the sergeant sent the doorman around to the corner saloon to call the bootblack.

"Here, you coon," said the captain, as Brown waddled in. "You're in luck, I guess. Is this your button?" "Fo' shuah it is." said Brown. "Where on earth did it come from?"

"Sure it is yours, are you?" asked the captain in a severe tone. "Yes." said Brown, with an air of mystification, "Ah'm shuah it is. See

dat little teenty-tonty nick in de side theah? Dat's mah mark, captain." "Now, Mr. Brown," said the cap-

and began to blubber like a child.

dem birds, sah, but ple-e-ese-"

"That'll do," said the captain, bill was part, "You've done this thing once too often. Take his pedigree, sergeant, and lock him up. Then get a new bootblack."

Half an hour later Blank Brown, 43 years old, born in the United States, bootblack, was taken out of his cell and arraigned before the captain. "Mister Brown," said the captain, in

his severest tones, "you are hereby ordered by me to appropriate your earnings for the next two weeks toward paying for those chickens. Being necessary to the station house as you are. you are herewith paroled pending said ed and evidently near to death. He payment, on condition that your conduct is of the best. Go back now and with what feeble strength he could brush those feathers off your coat."

General Gordon's Fear. sine-was indebted for the story to a young patriot, who had gone beyond." clergyman who had spent some years in Gaza, Palestine.

ing home late, and in the dusk of the whole surface of the globe at 197,000. evening when objects were not very 000, and its greatest depth supposedly distinct, he saw what looked like a equals the height of the highest mounman kneeling on the ground by the tains, or four miles.

CAMPFIRE SKETCHES, side of his horse. The place was not AT a safe one. Arabs might easily surprise the kneeling traveler. "I must go and warn that man," HAS

thought the clergyman. "It will never do to let him remain there. He does not know that he may get into trou-As he came nearer, to put his reso-

lation into practice, he was stopped by words that evidently were not addressed to himself. A moment's listening convinced him it was the voice of prayer to which he listened.

"Oh, my God, take me away out of myself, lest I fail: make me to look unto Thee, that I may humble myself and be like Thee," said the voice of the kneeling man.

The clergyman hesitated to interrupt the stranger's devotions, but he could not persuade himself to leave him in danger. After waiting for a time he approached, saying as he did so, "Sir, I beg your pardon, but you are in dan-

The man rose, and the clergyman's surprise was great when he found himself standing face to face with General Gordon,

"What are you doing out here in this dangerous place?" he asked, not yet recovered from his astonishment. "This morning I received a telegram from England, asking me to undertake a mission which I had longed to undertake all my life," replied the general.

"It filled me with such elation that I felt I might get into trouble through pride, and I thought I would just get upon my horse and go away by myself to humble myself before God." It was thus that the noble heart of Gordon met one of the great trials of character-the honor of being chosen to lead in an important enterprise.

"I believe," said the bishop, "that the mission of which he spoke was the one in which he was employed when death met him."

Lincoin as a Door Keeper. Mr. James Elter, one of the oldest

One day a tall, lank gentleman came to the entrance and asked me if the One day last week, after Brown had secretary was in, and I told him no, finished polishing Sergt. Blank's shoes that it was too early for him. He then he looked up to the sergeant suddenly, asked at what hour he would be likely his face full of surprise and dismay, to find him, and I told him. With a "Fo' de Lawd, Sarge. Ah've done pleasant, "Thank you," something we At the hour I told him that the sec-

the steps, and asked me if I would not "Dunno," replied Brown. "It was go to the secretary's room, and tell him there last night, sah, shuh's Ah live that he wished to see him. I told him I could not leave my post. "Oh, that's all right, I am Mr. Lincoln and I will keep door while you deliver my message. Tell him that I

want to see him here in the lower With this the president unpinned my badge, stuck it in his own coat and took my chair. I hastened to the secretary's room, and soon the two were together near me, but in quiet and earnest talk. I never knew why Mr. Lincoln did not want to go to the secretary's room, but badge of honor. After a fruitless I know that I prize this chair. I call it Abe Lincoln. No doubt that was the only time a president ever acted as

> Money That Will Buy Nothing. interesting in itself, but has an in- neither read nor write.



tain, "where'd you get those little grandson of the man to whom it was chickens' pin feathers on your coat?" paid for services in the continental ar- the matter of postage, as a letter can "Will you give me that babe for my hastily put together. Many of these to war!" Brown stammered, grew as white as my. He was Philip Walthour, who be sent to any part of France from wife?" his complexion permitted, hid his face, lived near Norristown, Pa. When he was a young man he joined the contime. Ah jess couldn't resiss the temp- parents. He disappeared and nothing tashun. It wuz so easy. Ah only took was heard from him for seven years. tew, and dey never squeaked, and for One Sunday morning the family sat at de life of me Ah don't see how on breakfast. The old father had not earth Ah dropped dat button, and me finished grace when there came a sound a grown-up man with no support but of whistling down the lane. The old mah brush Mr. Captain Oh, ple-e-e-ese man was indignant. Who was deselet me loose this time, Mr. Captain crating the sabbath? It was the war-Ah've no excuse but mah longin' for rior son. He had with him \$300 in continental currency, of which the \$40

Col. Willard's Story.

the singing in a loud tone of 'Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys,' by one of the patients inside. I went into the ward. and the soldier who was singing was lying on a couch, desperately woundwas struggling with the grim monster muster, while the patriotic song was gushing with blood from his mouth. The song grew fainter and fainter, and The bishop of Tasmania, in one of finally he sank into the death slumber. his recent sermons, told of a story The last audible sound that escaped which brings out the character of a his lips was 'Rally, boys; rally once man whom all the world learned to more.' As his eyes were glazing a few respect—for a wonder, before he died. of his comrades joined in a beautiful The bishop-so says the Sunday Maga- yet simple prayer by the side of the

The surface of the sea is estimated One night this clergyman was com- at 150,000,000 square miles, taking the

THAN GAMBLING.

It Is Well-Governed, Modern and Healthy Principality-The Governor and the

"All the world comes to Monte Car- chant in that direction. lo," is the saying that passes in the The present casino of Monte Carlo

square, and has a population of between fireworks to make the prince's birth- tician made no little sport when it was within the sun's good graces, while the is greeted with joy by every true Mon- the abolitionists. His friends alleged high winds that sweep along the Ri- has the passion for play will enter the and that he had been suddenly con- ously in the deep trough of the sea. the development of "The New viera. As a health resort it is one of rooms on that day with his entire sav- verted to the anti-slavery ideas. When Her father could not sing her his Thought." After fistening for nearly the best in Europe.

the summer, as it is too warm: the sion to the Casino with the simple re- said: 'Mr. Webster, you have no idea time is therefore used to renovate and quest that they may be renewed at the of the change which has come over Mr. prepare for the winter season. Early expiration of a certain time. They Van Buren, and went on extolling the in June the grass is turned up and al- have access to the concerts, the reading new convert. Now." said Mr. Weblowed to remain so until the first of rooms and the play rooms. When ster, "I am reminded of an incident October, when the seed is sown. A neither the opera nor theater are at which occurred when Dr. Kirkland was two weeks' time the gardens are like Monte Carlo, for which one must pay president of Harvard college. A minthe softest velvet. The tropical plants from 10 francs up, according to the tal- ister from one of the rural districts grow vigorously, and it is unusual to ent, there are generally two free con- called upon the president of Harvard But her mamma held her in her families by the "new women." who are kept in a state of perfection.

£1,000,000 revenue derived from the ta- are covered with the daily newspapers one of the important articles of faith; world-a mother's breast. bles, £400,000 is paid back annually in in all the languages of Europe, besides that is, the doctrine of the persever- Aloft the work went on, the voice of duty she owes to herself and to others. improvements. This year the concert the magazines and weekly papers of all ance of the saints, and I called to get the captain cutting a way for his com- The writer not long ago heard a wostage has been enlarged, and a new nations. -was and still is bootblack for the po- doorkeepers in the war department at cafe de Parls built. At present an In the play rooms the saying is that resting the heresy.' 'Ah, my brother.' when his first officer, Cook, was near people, say: "I have given up my lice station. His face is as black and Washington, is reported by the Syra- electric tramway is being laid in Monte one never knows how much the rest said Dr. Kirkland, 'in this region we him once, he spoke to him in a tone home and children, my husband and shining as the shoes he polishes. Brown cuse Standard as telling the following Carlo by an American company, and of the world gambles until he goes to have far more serious heresy to deal broken and harsh with anguish.

The town is well policed and lighted, OTHER ATTRACTIONS and a woman can walk about at 11 o'clock at night as unhesitatingly as in -Living Is Very Cheap in the Little thing exciting has taken place at the Casino; yet to read the papers in America, or Africa, one would suppose the poor Monegasques had a particular pen-

principality when acquaintances from was started by Francois Blanc of Homdistant parts of the globe stand side by bourg about 1863, under the reign of side. The great magnet is undoubted- Charles III of Monaco. It is exclusively ly the famous gambling tables, but for strangers. The Monegasques, or, aside from that attraction the place is in fact, any one that earns his liveliof unique interest. Numbers of peo- hood in Monaco, is not allowed to go ple, content to watch the passing show, to the Casino but one day in the year, to behalf of the whig candidate, Marever laying a sou on the tables. They On this day the trades people may engo rather for the sunshine, the beauty, ter the playrooms; it is also the only and the good government that is to be day in the year that the Casino closes as a democrat all his days, had been The principality is but six miles spares no expense in illuminations and quare, and has a population of hearts. 8,000 and 9,000. It lies especially day the gayest fete of the year, and it announced that Van Buren had joined peculiar cliff formation tempers the egasque. Sometimes a tradesman that that a great change had come over him ed as her mighty cradle rocked peril- by going about organizing clubs for

No strangers and few of its inhabi- luck at the temple of fortune.



THE CASINO AT MONTE CARLO.

necessary duties. As an example, su- broken. gar sells for twelve cents a pound, potatoes four cents, and ham and bacon forty cents a pound. Fruit is high. and milk and cream are about the same as in America. Chickens are the modern life of the Yankees. The folonly things not sold by weight, and they range in price from forty cents upward. A woman in Monte Carlo is strange as it may seem, is known to glad to do housework for six cents an the writer to be true: hour, without board; but no one suffers from poverty there, as they have cottage on a point of land which form- tions for a house in the Rue du Cloitre- down and enlist!" Her tone was fev- matter was that William Parsons and learned the true art of economy.

friendly relations can be instanced in mired; then said to the mother: instead of a three must be used. The "Yes." Credit Lyonnaise, which stands on the "Will you promise never to tell her was discovered in front of Notre Dame border of France, can be seen from the that you have selected me as her hus- in 1847. They also resemble the stones shoulders and reply that Monte Carlo | band?" often walk into France for the purpose of posting their letters. When remindthe box at the Casino, they shrug their grew up; and summer after summer St. James Gazette. shoulders and repl ythat Monte Carlo has a world wide reputation for wick-

Col. L. B. Willard, who was state and his family live in the palace, which military agent of Michigan during the is still, although modernized, a fine land fishing town? war and later a resident of Nashville, specimen of the Renaissance. He has Tenn., is authority for the following one son by his first wife, who is in the affecting incident: "One day I was army. The princess also has two chilpassing by a post hospital in Nashville, dren by her first husband, the Duke of when my attention was attracted by Richelien. The prince, however, is fond of science and spends most of his time on board the yacht Alice, named after his wife, pursuing his studies in ocean-ography. They are never in Monte Carlo until the 1st of January. when the true season for gaiety begins. The English people do not leave their homes until after Christmas, and the French remain for New Year's.

The place is admirably governed, and its inhabitants soon learn that there are certain things they must not do. The registration is very strict. No stranger is allowed to stop there even as a guest longer than two weeks without permission of the principality. Good behavior is also essential, and if a complaint is ever lodged against one he is promptly requested to leave the place, and may never return. He can pass through on the trains, but must not stop over. For these reasons many women whom circuistances have placed so that they must live alone make their bones in Monte Carlo. And perhaps nowhere else can they enjoy

borne by one man, a wealthy Mone- gambling is sanctioned is so well con- twinkles have come into my eyes and Here is a \$40 bill that is not only gasque, a philosopher, although he can ducted. No smoking, eating or drink- how many minutes I have sat absoing is allowed, and for the slightest lutely still? Mrs. Murkle-I haven't teresting story connected with it. It Monte Carlo is par excellence a place disturbance one would have his card counted them. Mr. Murkle—That's the property of W. H. Marrow of in which to own property, as there are of admission taken away. The bank is what I thought, Suppose you try look-Irwin, Pa., who received it from the no taxes of any kind; everything is a stock company with a capital of \$15,- ing out for a fellow's good qualities a paid by the Casino. Almost every 000,000. The stock sells quite high. It spot is now built upon, and consider- is a common error to think when the ing the demand there is during the sea- bank is spoken of as being broken that son rents are astonishingly low. There the whole company has come to grief a beautiful little suite of rooms can be while in reality it is simply one table had for the same price that one would that has run out of funds and must isfied with me. You wish you were

A Yankee Romance.

Hawthorne found romance on the shores of old New England, and there

ed the protecting arm of the harbor of Notre Dame. There are traces, for a erish and eager, but the daughter-in- Miss Minnie Reynolds had departed for Monte Carlo is governed by the a fishing town in Massachusetts, was length of nearly 200 feet, of a wall nine law bridled. prince of Monaco, and is under the shown a girl baby only a few months feet thick at the base, and consisting protection of France. The latter old. He looked at the babe and ad- of blocks of stone which had evidently

Monte Carlo for the same rate that is The mother had known the young more or less decipherable, though rude- ly. necessary to carry it in France, while man for several summers; she liked ly chiseled. It is believed that these

"Oh, Mr. Captain, let me loose this tinental army against the wishes of his to any other country a five cent stamp him, and therefore answered promptly, inscribed blocks were the tiers of an

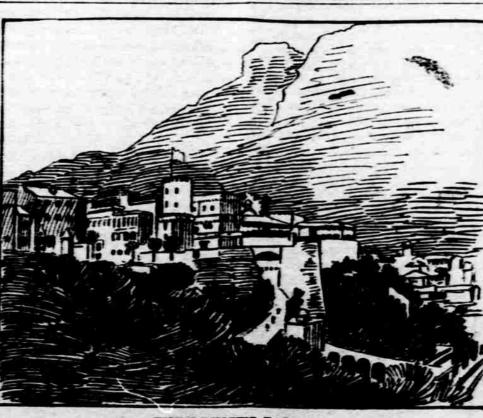
"Yes." the young man courted her. When she edness and it is best for anxious friends at home to see the postmark of France.

was 18 he married her, and hot the first Tomcat—How did you feel betrothed to her husband while in her when the brick struck you? Second was 18 he married her, and not till

pay for a fourth story hall bed room suspend payment until it has sent for married to some other woman! Mr. in New York, \$20 per month. But pro- more money. A little black flag is Murkle-Dash it, who could help swear- shabby; but a flush touched her cheeks thought of it, but when she had not visions are very high, owing to the raised by the table when the bank is ing under such circumstances. I've young life in the keeping of a brute! (Curtain.)

Relics of Roman Paris.

Years ago a summer boarder, at a on digging sixteen foot deep founda- all settled and tonight Fred can go Miss May Reynolds. The truth of the blocks bear Latin proper names, still amphitheater, another portion of which found in 1870 in the Rue Monge belonging to another amphitheater, a portion The conditions of the singular be- of which was restored some years ago



THE PRINCE'S PALACE

MONTE CARLO, the same feeling of freedom and safe- we webster's CLEVER STORY ONE-MINUTE ROMANCE THE WOMAN WITH A MISSION.

from Early Days: ently I had occasion to recall the early morning. During the last five years the Monte Carlo papers have the mentioned one suicide or that anyard in the United States senate for first time sixty-two years ago and whose speeches and orations from student days I had been a diligent er and enthusiastic admirer, says riter in the Boston Transcript. It during the campaign which resulted in the election of Gen. Taylor that incidents which I am about to reoccurred. A great mass meeting been called in Worcester, where pened to be, and Mr. Webster had Van Buren, who had been succesto Gen. Jackson in the presidency sinated by the free-soil party. Those ad known him as an arch-pol-

the expense of this enterprise is to be Monte Carlo, and no other place where with, and that is, the perseverance of the sinners.' And now," said Mr. going to pieces on the shoal-. You women to Christ. My life henceforth Webster, "that is just my trouble with will look out for little Lena, and stay is to be devoted to God and humanity." Mr. Van Buren. I have known him with her to the end?" for many years and touching this question of slavery I fear he will persevere unto the end the same incorrigible sinner." At this keen stroke of wit the hall rang with roars of laughter.

> TWO SIDES OF IT. But the Exacting Wife Forgot the Other

Martin Van Buren was defeated.

General Taylor was elected the twelfth

View. Mrs. Murkle-Josiah, do you know that you have sworn three times within an hour, that six dark frowns have crossed your brow, that you have spoken crossly to the children four times and that you have hitched around in your chair so much that I wouldn't be surprised if the carpet were all worn out under you? says the Cleveland Leader. Mr. Murkle-Indeed! Well, can you tell me how many nice things I have said to you and the children during the past hour, how often I have laughed, how many words of encouragement I have used, how many little while. Perhaps if you do that you'll not have so much time to keep tab on his faults. Mrs. Murkle (beginning to weep)-Josiah, you are not sathalf a mind to go out and get drunk. Mrs. Murkle-There, now the animal in you is gaining full control again. Oh, why did I ever place my fair, sweet

cradle. Can old romance be more ro- Tomcat-My past eight lives rose up mantic than this story of a New Eng- before me in a second!-London Gra-

A P T. DAKINS little daughter was the life of the ship, and the sailors, homesick, some of them, and leaging for certain little chaps ashore. played with her on the Asia's white decks and spen varns for her in

child was a true daughter of the brave and weather-beaten tar, and she loved the sea and trusted it. So Sunday. when the sky's blue changed to yellow-gray and then deepened into black, and the water grew dark and sullen under the nor'easter's lashings, she only pouted a little and pressed against the cabin window a face so rosy and miling that the more off made excuse to run by to see it shining through

the evening between watches. The

the mist because it heartened them so. the mother of several small children Then the night came and she laugh- who was trying to "uplift humanity" ings of the year, that he may try his Mr. Webster came to pay his respects usual song-he was keeping on the an hour to an outline of the plans and to the free-soil candidate he said: "I bridge, with his tarpaulin hung with purposes of this "New Thought" tants remain at Monte Carlo during Strangers are given cards of admis- met a few days ago a gentleman who icicles and his hair and beard white scheme I was more than ever con- 19958) : DEE: SEEDED with frost, shouting to the men, who vinced that old thoughts are best, parran hither and thither quite wildly ticularly the thoughts of our grandabout something for hours at a time: mothers regarding the first duty of 2 while the boat staggered and shivered wife and mother. and grouned so she could not find a level place on which to kneel to say cheap wit in the comic papers regardher prayer.

see the leaves spotted or discolored, certs a day. In fact, there are 125 mu- and said: 'I have called upon you, arms, and the little girl noticed that have branched out into fields hereto-Nothing is ever allowed to decay in sicians employed by the Casino. The Brother Kirkland, to get your advice her voice was fervent as she begged fore occupied by men alone. A good Monte Carlo; old buildings are modern- reading rooms are lighted by electric- about a matter which is giving some for the safety of the ships at sea. Then deal of the criticism of the new woman ized and the parks, drainage and streets ity and oil lamps. There are sixteen of us a great deal of anxiety. The Lena sank into sleep with her head is unfair and unjust, but the fact rewriting desks abundantly supplied with fact is, some of our church members pillowed on the best and safest place mains that the woman with a mission In fact, it is estimated that of the the Casino stationary, and the tables are getting loose notions concerning a head may ever rest upon in all the is in many cases a woman with pain-

your advice as to the best method of ar- mands through the wild storm. But man, addressing a large gathering of

The first mate touched his visor.

on with his duty. Yesterday a man and little girl were washed ashore at Nantucket. The children, her husband and her home, man's face was grim and stern, but president of the United States, and the child's was still and smiling, and others? The enthusiast may say no her little arms were fast clasped to these questions, but every true and around the neck of the sailor, who had loving wife and mother will say yes given his life in fruitiess effort to save to both questions. When a woman has her and had stayed with her "until a home and children no call to duty is

> An old woman stood at the edge of paper yesterday. She was wan and gray and her garments were thin and



WASHED ASHORE. and her eyes shone with unusual

brightness A young woman by her side noticed her interest, but did not share it. "Come, mother," she urged, "let us be going. There isn't anything new." could be found. A large crowd flocked But she shook off the impatient hand. to St. Mary's church, but, although the "just let me see whether the Presi- best man came, Miss Minnie came not. | 000'06 Interesting relics of Roman Paris, dent declares war or not. See, they're In place of the absent one the bridethe old Lutetia, have been discovered bringing a new paper now. Mebbe it's elect was attended by a younger sister.

she exclaimed. "I'd just like to see Parsons is a Protestant, while the served for an older building and been him leave me an' the children and go young lady is a Catholic. In New York

a baby, and the others wa'n't much maid for her sister. On the arrival of more," she said, her voice quivering a Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald at the Grand little. "And I loved him-as well as Central station, New York, they were you love your husband-I guess." and the young woman patted her arm Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald acted as best soothingly. The crowd had heard and man and bridesmaid at the wedding ed that it is simpler to drop them in trothal were observed. The girl-baby and converted into a public garden.— moved back, instinctively, to give her of their sister and Parsons. a place nearer the window; but she was not looking at the bulletins now. "It was hard to have him go," she

harder if Fred and the others had as a coward! They've never had that to shame them. And that has been a comfort through all the rest. When he didn't come back I felt as if I couldn't live for awhile, but the children was always talkin' about their here father and how he died for his country. And if we are poor, that's something to say!" She wiped her eyes on the corner of

young woman glanced at the window. "It says our sailors were murdered by Spanish treachery, mother," she said; "and if that's so-and there's a call-I'll let Fred go!" Arm in arm they walked down the street, and on their faces mingled the

light of renunciation and the shadow

of despair.

An Object Lesson A Kansas widow, whose husband lost easte and fortune through strong drink and who finally died with delirium tremens, had a marble monument erected over his grave upon which a snake vertised to, the English court of of many cotts has been chisched, as also | peals has decided. A man who bought this inscription upon the pedestal and a built for \$100, which he was told

biteth like a serpent and stingeth like a purple blossom, has recovered \$250

Bet Love of Naturiety Often Neglects

Harbard and Children. It is surprising to know how many women there are with a deep and burning interest in humanity with a big H.

Individual humanity, as represented by those who have direct claims upon them. does not interest them in the least, mys Leslie's Weekly. Their own husbands, their own children, do not appeal to taem, and they have but a languid interest in their own homes. The writer was visited one day recently by a humanitarian of this type. Her mission was the uplifting of all humanity. She had, she said consecrated her life to that end. During her call she revealed the fact that she was 2.000 miles from her husband and five children. They could, she affirmed, "get along nicely without her." and she felt that she could do a "far greater and nobler work for humanity by working for this gistions cause of tom

had been but a week since I had met

There is much exaggeration and ing the neglect of their homes and fully distorted views regarding the "Mr. Cook," he said, "I think we're glorious gospel and try to win men and The question naturally arises: Can a wife and mother devote herself to any-"Ay! ay! sir," he replied, and went thing higher or better or nobler than the proper training of her own children? And does not her duty to her transcend any duty she may owe to higher or more imperative than the call that comes to her from her own home and in no sphere can she do a the group, looking at the bulletins of greater or better work. The good she war news in the window of a morning might do elsewhere cannot be offered as an excuse for the neglect of those who have the first claim on her love and care. It is sometimes true that a love of notoriety and overpowering desire to be seen and heard is the chief

motive of the woman with a mission. BRIDESMAID A BRIDE.

Maid of Honor Elopes on the Day of

the Wedding.

A substitute bridesmaid took part in fashionable wedding in Derby, Conn., recently, because the original maid of honor suddenly took it into her pretty head that she herself wanted to be married, so she eloped on the day in question. Miss Minnie Reynolds was to have been the maid of honor at the wedding of her sister, Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, to Thomas MacDonald at St. Mary's church. At an early hour on the wedding morning Miss Minnie went downtown, ostensibly on a little errand of her own, and nothing was returned an hour before the time set for the ceremony the entire household was greatly wrought up. Messengers were sent in every direction in search of the young lady, but no trace of her "Wait a minute, Carrie," she said; bride-elect, the bridegroom and the New York city. Their elopment is "Well, I guess Fred won't enlist," said to have been due to the fact that they were married by a Dominican The old woman looked at her steadi- Father. The bride was attired in the very pretty costume which it was "His father left me when Fred was planned she was to wear as bridesmet there by Mr. Parsons and Miss Slow tears crept down her cheeks, Reynolds. The sisters made up, and

Rabbits-the ordinary cotton-tailscontinued, "but it would have been are so numerous in Kansas and so hear poor fort men as so numerous in Kansas and so grown up and thought of their father & Son, of Omaha, have been compelled to build 1,700 traps in one orchard in Osage county. In three orchards in Leavenworth county they have built 1,600 and in a Miami county orehard 400 traps. The trap consists of a box twenty-two inches long, made of ordinary six-inch lumber one inch thick. closed at one end and with an inwardswinging wire gate in the other end. her gray shawl and smiled, and the which is shut by contact of the rabbit with a trigger after he has fairly entered.

> More Than He Could Chew. A literal case of "biting off more than he could chew" resulted in the death of a sailor in San Francisco. An autopsy disclosed a slab of unchewed mutton four inches long and three inches wide rolled into a ball and firmly wedged in the man's larynx, where it had effectively shut off his wind.

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